

**For:** County Offices

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**CRP Cost Share and Practice Information for General Signup 29**

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**Approved by:** State Executive Director



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**1 Overview****A Background**

The GSOP for general signup 29 requires an estimated cost-share amount by practice to be entered in the County Office Maintenance Table. Counties were informed, during state CRP training and in OK Notice CRP-576, that the State Office would provide cost-share estimates for each practice.

**B Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to provide estimated cost-share amounts by practice for GSOP, EBI worksheet, worksheet for estimated cost share per acre by practice, and clarification of practice specifics.

**2 GSOP Estimated Cost Share****A Estimated Practice Cost Share**

The Exhibit 1 chart represents the estimated cost share for each general signup practice. The estimated cost share shall be entered in the "County Maintenance Setup Table" of the GSOP when received. Exhibit 2 provides a breakdown of how the estimated cost shares were calculated.

The county office may find it necessary to adjust the estimated cost-share amounts when:

- based on local conditions, knowledge, and history, the county office is aware the rate needs increased or decreased.
- on an individual basis, the producer elects to "convert" an existing cover to a higher point CP2 native cover. The rate will need to be increased to reflect the additional conversion activity under practice CP2.
- The producer elects to enhance a CP10 native grass cover, the rate would be increased to reflect CP10 enhancement at the rate in Exhibit 1.
- on an individual basis, the producer elects "**NO**" cost share. The cost-share rate for the practice will need to be changed to "zero" to print a correct CRP-2 and CRP-1.

When adjusting cost-share amounts, calculations shall be based on the current cost-share component rates as stated in 2-CRP (Rev. 4) OK Exhibit 15.

The cost-share rate can be adjusted for an individual case in the GSOP and then adjusted back to the standard county rate for the practice using the "cost share" icon while loading the producer information.

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December 1, 2004

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## 2 GSOP Estimated Cost Share (continued)

### A Estimated Practice Cost Share (continued)

A producer may request cost share for water development (N1b) only. This would generally be applicable on offers with an existing grass cover (CP10). To accommodate this situation, the county office shall set the cost share flag to “Y” in the GSOP and the practice rate to zero. The CRP-2, Item 8, will reflect cost share requested on the offer. The CRP-1 and CRP-2 will not show a C/S estimate for the practice in this case; however, the offer will receive “zero” points under the N6b category and the producer, if accepted, will receive C/S for the guzzler. The county should replace the “zero” in Item 11E of the CRP-1 with the estimated cost share for the water development (guzzler). The producer and employee shall initial and date the change.

## 3 Practice Information

### A Practice Specification 512 and 550 Native Plants for CP2

The NRCS Biology Technical Note OK-30 references, under the CP2 criteria, the selection of native plants from the 512 Pasture and Hay Planting or from the 550 Range Planting Specification. The 512 Specification lists both “native” and “introduced” grass species. Practice CP2 can contain only native plant species. Therefore, only native grass, identified in the 512 Specification as native perennial warm season (NPW) or native perennial cool season (NPC), may be selected for CP2 plantings, if adaptable to the area.

Basically, the grass species, identified in the 512 Specification as NPW or NPC, were derived from the 550 Specification.

### B Converting or Enhancing Permanent Covers

A producer, with an existing native grass cover, may want to increase the EBI N1a point score by adding forbs and legumes to the established cover. The forbs and legumes are drilled directly into the existing cover without prior tillage. This is referred to as “enhancing” an existing grass stand and will be completed as a CP10 practice with cost share (if elected by the producer). The NRCS Job Sheet 550-2 provides the specifications to complete an “enhancement.”

Producers may desire to completely change a permanent cover to a higher EBI N1a cover. The existing cover is destroyed by tillage and chemicals and replaced with the higher point score permanent cover. This is referred to as a stand “conversion” and is completed under practice CP1 or CP2. Conversions typically identify the replacement of a monoculture grass stand with a native grass cover.

### C Signup Worksheet for GSOP System

Exhibit 3 provides an optional worksheet that may be utilized for signup. It is highly encouraged that producer information is loaded directly into the GSOP; however, in heavy workload periods, the worksheet may be utilized to obtain producer offer information by one employee and entered in the GSOP by another employee. The worksheet shall not be used to obtain information and have the producer make a return trip to sign the CRP 1 and 2. The GSOP was developed to enhance customer service. Therefore, producers should be able to make a CRP offer with one trip to the county office.

**4 Required Management of CRP**

**A Policy**

Producers, with contracts (general and continuous) effective signup 26 and later, are required to perform required management practices.

Producers, with contracts effective prior to signup 26, may voluntarily do management activities.

Cost share, at the rate of 50 percent of the eligible cost, will be paid on both required and volunteer contracts doing the management activity. Producers, who elected not to receive cost share for practice establishment, or in the case of a CP10, where no cost share activity was necessary, will receive cost share for the required management activity.

Required management policy is in 2-CRP (Rev. 4), paragraph 239. Oklahoma required management practices and schedule of applications are stated in 2-CRP (Rev. 4), OK Exhibit 8.

**B Cost-Share Estimates for Required Management**

CEDs were recently provided the required management activities for the CRP approved by the State Committee. Based on the specified activities, the chart in Exhibit 4 provides an estimated cost share for each practice for the total contract length. The county should use this information to converse with producers, emphasizing the cost-share amount is an estimate.

The required management activities will be incorporated into the Conservation Plan of Operation (CPO) by NRCS/TSP for contracting. Based on an activity such as managed or emergency hay or grazing that may occur during the contract, a required management activity could possibly be removed, at the scheduled time, as determined by FSA/NRCS/TSP.



## Estimated Cost Share by Practice

Practice	Description	Estimated Cost Share
CP1	Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes	\$51
CP2	Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses	\$54
CP3	Tree Planting (Pine)	\$51
CP3A	Hardwood Tree Planting	\$133
CP4B	Permanent Wildlife Habitat Corridors	\$98
CP4D	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	\$78
CP10	Vegetative Cover – (grass already established)	\$0
CP10	Vegetative Cover (grass already established) *Enhancement of Existing Native Grass with Forbs and Legumes	\$13
CP11	Vegetative Cover – (trees already established)	\$0
CP12	Wildlife Food Plot	\$0
CP25	Rare and Declining Habitat Restoration	\$57

**Note:** The cost-share rate for a practice may need to be changed for an individual offer based on

- cover conversion
- election of “no” cost share

Estimates may be adjusted by the COF for local conditions, knowledge, and history.

## WORKSHEET FOR ESTIMATED COST SHARE PER ACRE BY PRACTICE

CP1 – Permanent Introduced Grasses and Legumes		
Tillage	5 trips x \$4.25/trip	\$21.25
Temporary Cover	1 planting x \$10.00 seed/tractor/drill	\$10.00
Spray	1 application x \$5.50 chemical/application	\$ 5.50
Grass Seed	1 planting x \$9.00/2# owb/acre	\$ 9.00
Tractor/Drill	1 cover planting x \$5.00/acre	\$ 5.00
<b>Estimated Per Acre Cost Share (Rounded) - \$51.00</b>		
CP2 – Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses		
Same as above except seed cost		
Grass Seed	1 planting x \$3.00/4# Native/acre	\$12.00
<b>Estimated Per Acre Cost Share (Rounded) - \$54.00</b>		
CP3 – Tree Planting (Pine)		
Tillage	3 trips x \$4.25/trip	\$12.75
Pine Planting (plantation)	550 trees/acre x .07/tree/labor/equip.	\$38.50
<b>Estimated Per Acre Cost Share (Rounded) - \$51.00</b>		
CP3A – Hardwood Tree Planting (Native)		
Tillage	3 trips x \$4.25/trip	\$ 12.75
Tree Planting	300 trees/acre x .40/tree/labor/equip.	\$120.00
<b>Estimated Per Acre Cost Share (Rounded) - \$133.00</b>		
CP4B – Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors)		
Same base cost as CP2		\$54.00
Planting Trees/Shrubs	90 tree/shrub/acre x .40/tree/labor/equip.	\$36.00
<b>Estimated Per Acre Cost Share - \$90.00</b>		
CP4D – Permanent Wildlife Habitat		
Same base cost as CP2		\$54.00
Planting Trees/Shrubs	40 tree/shrub/acre x .40/tree/labor/equip.	\$16.00
<b>Estimated Per Acre Cost Share - \$70.00</b>		
CP10 – Vegetative Cover (Grass Already Established)		
No cost share		\$0.00
<b>Note:</b> Conversion of an introduced grass cover to a native grass cover is completed under practice CP2.		
CP10 – Enhancement of Native Grass With Forbs and Legumes		
Burn/Mow	1 Removal x \$4.65/acre	\$4.65
Forbs and Legumes	1 planting x \$3.00/acre	\$3.00
Tractor/Drill	1 trip x \$5.00/acre	\$5.00
<b>Estimated Per Acre Cost Share (Rounded) - \$13.00</b>		
CP11 – Vegetative Cover – Trees Already Established		
No cost share		\$0.00
CP12 – Wildlife Food Plots		
No cost share		\$0.00
CP25 – Rare and Declining Habitat Restoration		
Same base cost as CP2		\$54.00
Additional Forbs/Legumes		\$ 3.00
<b>Estimated Per Acre Cost Share - \$57.00</b>		

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Adm. Location County: \_\_\_\_\_ Employee Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Producer: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm #: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Scenario Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Location State/County: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Year: 2006 or 2007 (Circle one)

HUC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiring CRP Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Expired Hardwood Tree Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Share Requested: Yes or No (Circle one) (Yes = 0 points No = 10 points)

Producer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Share: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Producer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Share \_\_\_\_\_ %

Operator Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Share: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Cropping History

Field No.	# Offered Acres	Current Crop	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001

Total Acres for Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Offer Type with only new acres or  
expiring acres

3 Predominant Soil Types      Acres

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Offer Type with combination of new acres and expiring acres

3 Predominant Soil Types for whole offer (used to figure soil rental rate)

Soil Types      Acres

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

AND

3 Predominant Soil Types for new acres only (used to figure EBI)

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N1a COVER AND PRACTICES BENEFICIAL TO WILDLIFE

Practice	Field #	Circle Points	Acres	Producer Initial/Date
<b>CP1 – Introduced Grasses and Legumes</b>				
Planting of 2-3 introduced grass species	_____	10	_____	_____
Minimum of 4 species of at least 3 introduced grasses and at least 1 forb or legume	_____	40	_____	_____
<b>CP2 – Native Grasses</b>				
Minimum of 3 species of at least 2 native grasses and at least 1 forb or legume	_____	20	_____	_____
Minimum of 5 species of at least 3 native grasses and at least 1 shrub, forb, or legume	_____	50	_____	_____

Practice	Field #	Circle Points	Acres	Producer Initial/Date
<b>CP3 – Tree Planting (Softwood Trees)</b>				
Solid stand of pines/softwood	_____	10	_____	_____
Pines/softwoods planted with 10 to 20% openings managed to CP4D wildlife cover	_____	50	_____	_____
<b>CP3A – Tree Planting (Hardwood Trees)</b>				
Solid stand of nonmast** producing hardwood species	_____	10	_____	_____
Solid stand of a single hardwood mast* producing species	_____	20	_____	_____
Mixed stand of hardwood species best suited for wildlife	_____	30	_____	_____
Mixed stand (3 or more species) of hardwood species suited for wildlife	_____	50	_____	_____
*“mast producing” means tree producing a nut, acorn, or fruit. Example – oak or walnut				
** “non-mast producing” means tree not producing a nut or fruit. Example – poplar				
<b>LENGTH OF YEARS: 10 to 15</b>				_____
<b>CP4B – Wildlife Habitat (Corridors)</b>				
Minimum of 4 species of either grasses, trees, shrubs, forbs, or legumes planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited for wildlife	_____	40	_____	_____
Minimum of 5 species of either predominately native grasses including grasses, forbs, legumes, shrubs, or trees planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited for wildlife	_____	50	_____	_____
<b>LENGTH OF YEARS: 10 to 15</b>				
<b>CP4D – Wildlife Habitat</b>				
Minimum of 4 species of either grasses, trees, shrubs, forbs, or legumes planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited for wildlife	_____	40	_____	_____
Minimum of 5 species native grasses, trees, shrubs, forbs, or legumes planted in mixes, blocks, or strips best suited for wildlife	_____	50	_____	_____
<b>CP10 – Grass Already Established</b>				
Solid stand of 1-3 species introduced grasses	_____	10	_____	_____
Solid stand of 1-3 species native grasses	_____	40	_____	_____
Minimum of 5 species of at least 3 native grasses and at least 1 shrub, forb, or legume	_____	50	_____	_____



Practice	Field #	Circle Points	Acres	Producer Initial/Date
<b>CP11 – Trees Already Established</b>				
Solid stand of pine/softwood or solid stand of nonmast** producing hardwood species	_____	10	_____	_____
Solid stand of a single hard mast* producing species	_____	20	_____	_____
Mixed stand (2 species) of hardwoods best suited for wildlife in the area	_____	30	_____	_____
Mixed stand (3 or more species) of hardwoods best suited for wildlife in the area	_____	50	_____	_____
Pine/softwood established at, or thinned as needed, to provide 15 to 20% openings of native herbaceous and/or shrub planting or natural regeneration best suited for wildlife in the area	_____	50	_____	_____
*“mast producing” means tree producing a nut, acorn, or fruit. Example – oak or walnut				
** “non-mast producing” means tree not producing a nut or fruit. Example – poplar				
<b>CP12 – Wildlife Food Plot (See N1b for pts. below)</b>				
<b>CP25 – Rare and Declining Habitat Restoration</b>				
Seeding or planting will be best suited for wildlife in area		50		
<b>CP32 – Expired Hardwood Trees on MPL (expired 9-30-2001 or earlier)</b>				
Solid stand of nonmast producing hardwood species	_____	10	_____	_____
Mixed stand of hardwood trees established at or thinned as needed to provide 10-20% openings of native herbs and/or shrub planting or natural regeneration best suited for wildlife in the area	_____	50	_____	_____

N1b Wildlife Enhancement: (Select One)

Wildlife Water Development (Guzzler): \_\_\_\_\_ 20 points  
(may only be selected if a dependable water source is not located on the offered acreage)

Conversion of at least 51% of a Monoculture Cover to Native Mix: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 points

Wildlife Food Plot: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points

No Enhancement: \_\_\_\_\_ 0 points

N6c Offer Less Than Maximum: Actual Offer Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ 0-15 points  
(1 point for each whole dollar less than the maximum payment rate not to exceed 15 points)

SIGNUP REQUIREMENTS: (1) Job Sheets (2) Tech Standards (3) Practice Write-ups (4) CRP-1 (5) CRP-2 (6) Appendix (7) Offer Scenario (8) Submitted the offer

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ARE REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED DURING THE CONTRACT PERIOD AS OUTLINED IN THE CONSERVATION PLAN.

MANAGED HAYING AND GRAZING IS AVAILABLE DURING THE CONTRACT PERIOD WITH A REDUCTION IN ANNUAL PAYMENT RATE ON ACRES HAYED OR GRAZED.



**Estimated Required Management Activity Cost Share  
General Signup Practices**

Practice	Activity	Estimated Cost Share/Acre /1
CP1	3-mowing/1-nutrient app./2	\$25
CP2	2-mowings	\$10
CP3	To be developed	To be developed
CP3A	None	\$0
CP4B	See CP1 or CP2 based on cover	\$25
CP4D	See CP1 or CP2 based on grass cover	\$25
CP10	Introduced Covers - 4-mowings/1-nutrient app.	\$30
	Native Grass - 3-mowings	\$14
CP11	To be developed	To be developed
CP25	2-mowings	\$10

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1 Based on current cost-share rates

2 Maximum nutrient application of \$11.20/acre figured. Nutrient management is done according to soil test.